

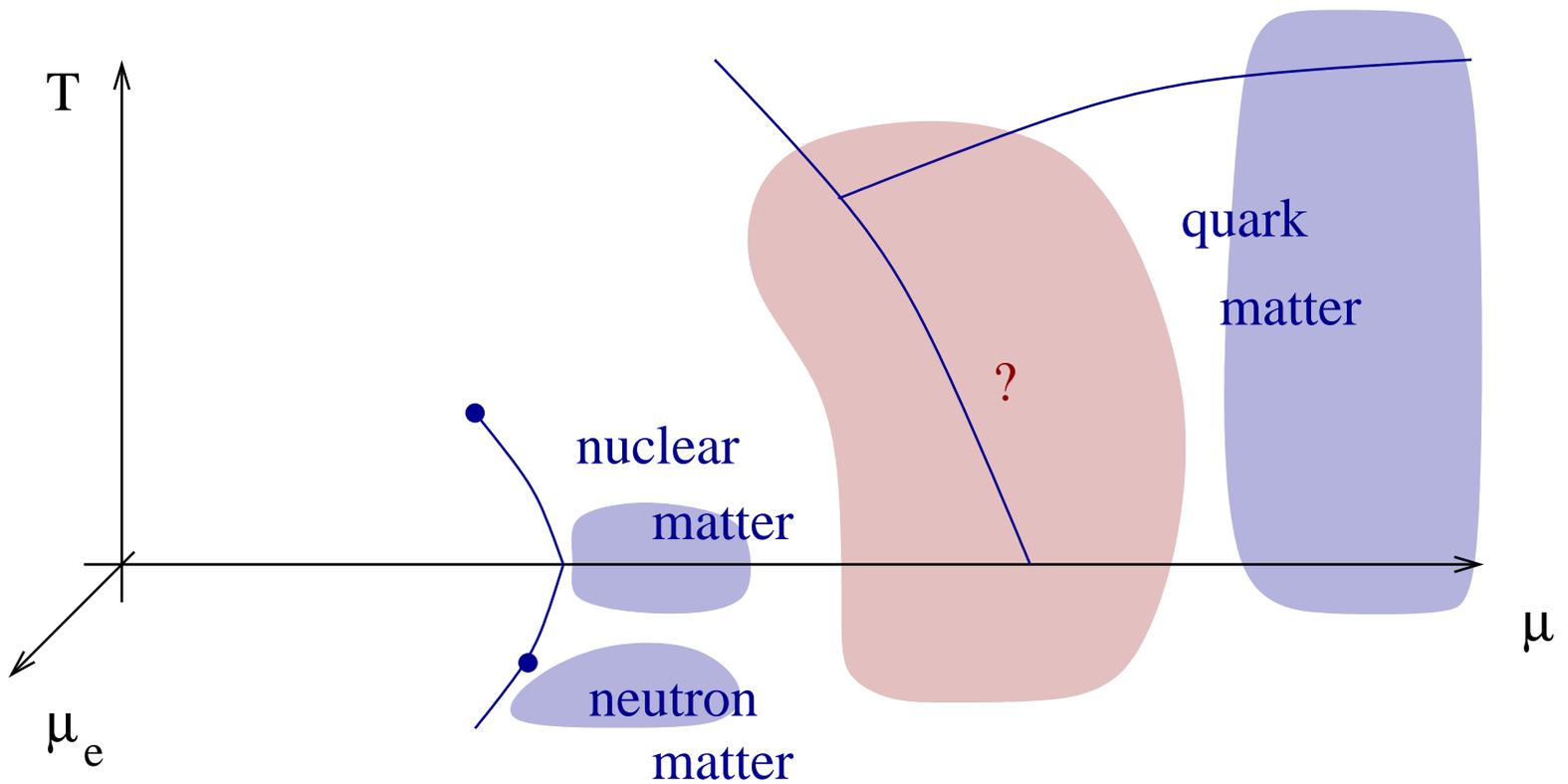
# Non-perturbative Methods in QCD

at finite  $\mu$  and  $T$

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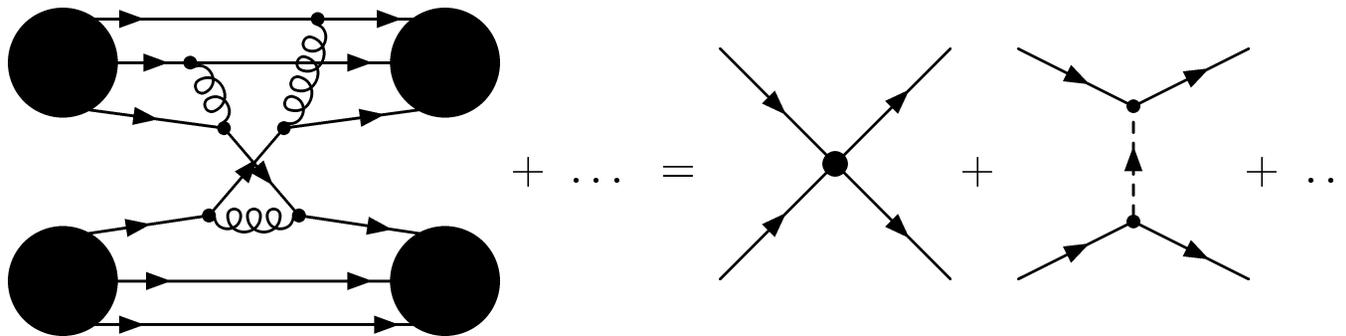
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# More modest: Systematic approaches to dense matter



# Low Density: Nuclear Effective Field Theory

Low Energy Nucleons: Nucleons are point particles  
Interactions are local  
Long range part: pions



Advantages: Systematically improvable  
Symmetries manifest (Chiral, gauge, ...)  
Connection to lattice QCD

# Effective Field Theory

Effective field theory for pointlike, non-relativistic neutrons

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \psi^\dagger \left( i\partial_0 + \frac{\nabla^2}{2M} \right) \psi - \frac{C_0}{2} (\psi^\dagger \psi)^2 + \frac{C_2}{16} \left[ (\psi\psi)^\dagger (\psi \overleftrightarrow{\nabla}^2 \psi) + h.c. \right] + \dots$$

Simplifications: neutrons only, no pions (very low energy)

Effective range expansion

$$p \cot \delta_0 = -\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{2} \Lambda^2 \sum_n r_n \left( \frac{p^2}{\Lambda^2} \right)^{n+1}$$

Coupling constants

$$C_0 = \frac{4\pi a}{M}, \quad C_2 = \frac{4\pi a^2 r}{M} \frac{1}{2}, \quad \dots \quad a = -18 \text{ fm}, \quad r = 2.8 \text{ fm}$$

# Toy Problem (Neutron Matter)

Consider limiting case (“Bertsch” problem)

$$(k_F a) \rightarrow \infty \qquad (k_F r) \rightarrow 0$$

Universal equation of state

$$\frac{E}{A} = \xi \left( \frac{E}{A} \right)_0 = \xi \frac{3}{5} \left( \frac{k_F^2}{2M} \right)$$

No Expansion Parameters!

How to find  $\xi$ ?

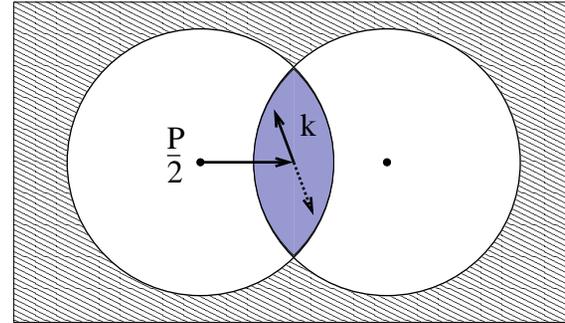
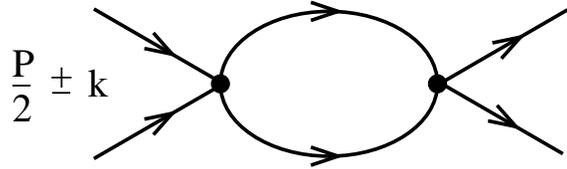
Numerical Simulations

Experiments with trapped fermions

Analytic Approaches

# Large $d$ Limit

In medium scattering strongly restricted by phase space



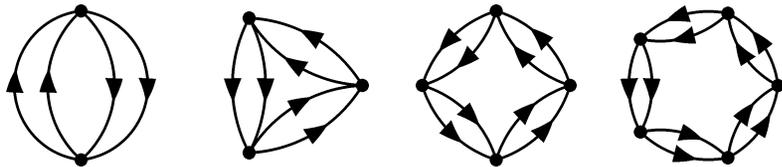
Find limit in which ladders are leading order



$$(C_0/d) \cdot 1/d$$

$$\lambda \equiv \left[ \frac{\Omega_d C_0 k_F^{d-2} M}{d(2\pi)^d} \right]$$

$$\lambda = \text{const} \quad (d \rightarrow \infty)$$



$$(C_0/d)^k \cdot 1/d$$

$$\xi = \frac{1}{2} + O(1/d)$$

# Epsilon Expansion

Bound state wave function  $\psi \sim 1/r^{d-4}$ . For  $d \geq 4$

Non-interacting bosons  $\xi(d=4) = 0$

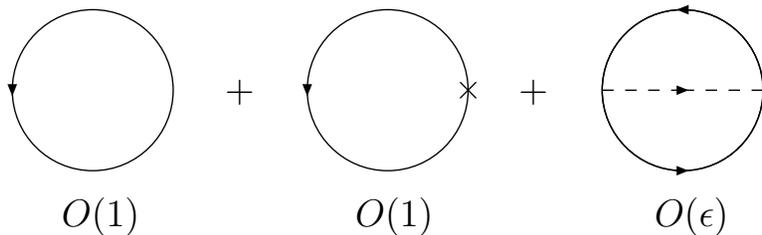
Nussinov & Nussinov

Effective lagrangian for atoms  $\Psi = (\psi_{\uparrow}, \psi_{\downarrow}^{\dagger})$  and dimers  $\phi$

$$\mathcal{L} = \Psi^{\dagger} \left( i\partial_0 + \frac{\sigma_3 \nabla^2}{2m} \right) \Psi + \mu \Psi^{\dagger} \sigma_3 \Psi - \frac{1}{c_0} \phi^* \phi + \Psi^{\dagger} \sigma_+ \Psi \phi + h.c.$$

Nishida & Son (2006)

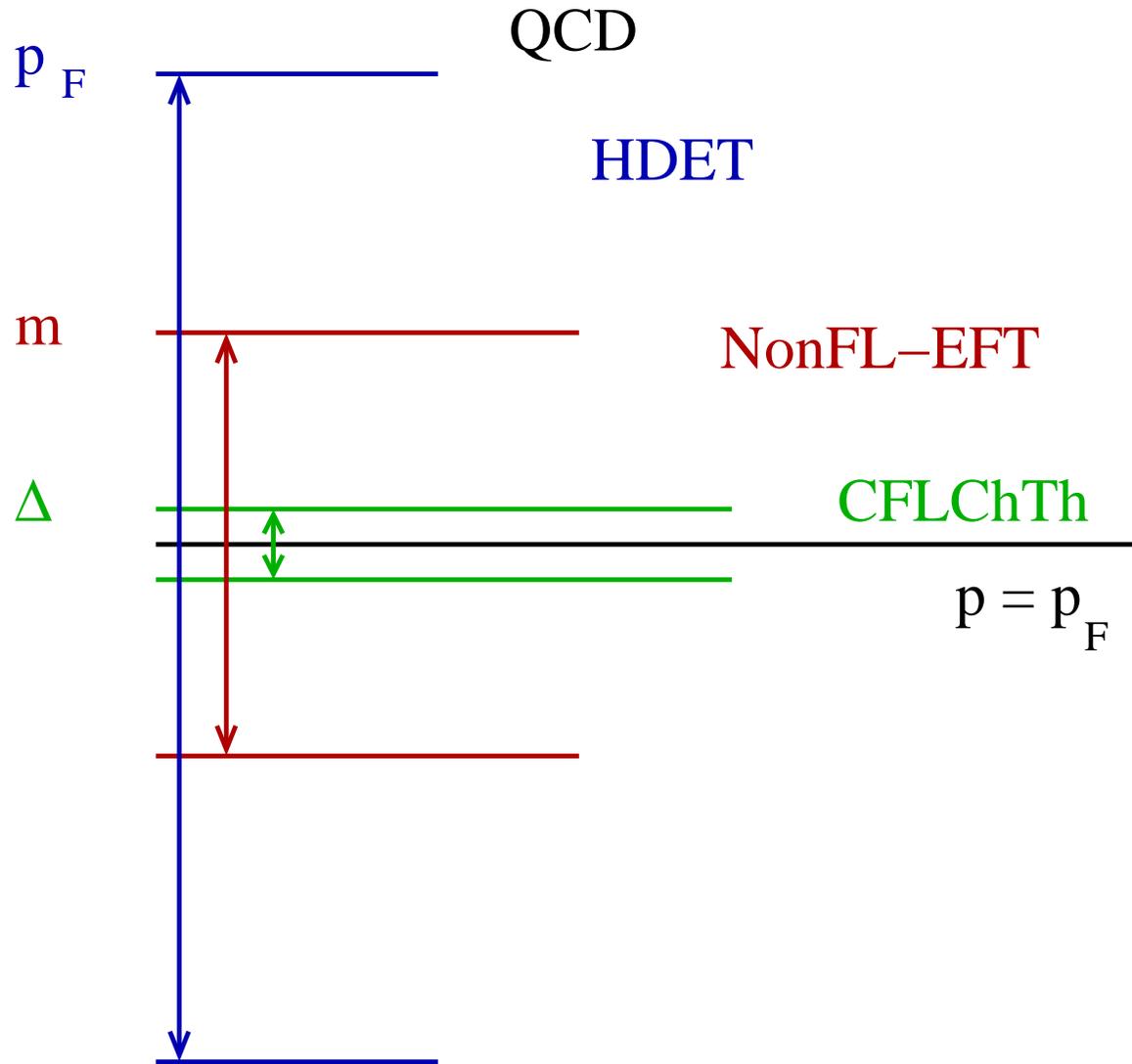
Unitary limit  $c_0 \rightarrow \infty$ . Effective potential



$$\xi = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{3/2} + \frac{1}{16} \epsilon^{5/2} \ln \epsilon - 0.0246 \epsilon^{5/2} + \dots$$

$$\xi(\epsilon=1) = 0.475$$

# Very Dense Matter: Effective Field Theories



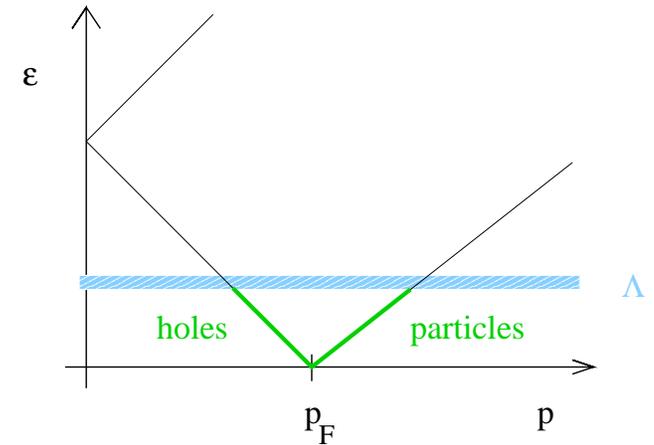
# High Density Effective Theory

QCD lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} (i\not{D} + \mu\gamma_0 - m) \psi - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_{\mu\nu}^a$$

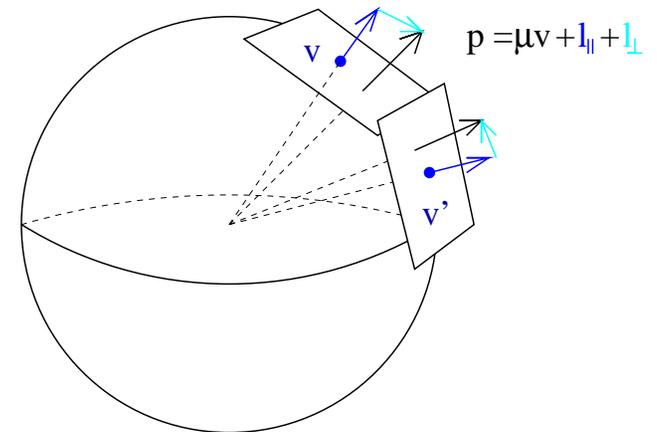
Quasi-particles (holes)

$$E_{\pm} = -\mu \pm \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2} \simeq -\mu \pm |\vec{p}|$$



Effective field theory on  $v$ -patches

$$\psi_{v\pm} = e^{-i\mu v \cdot x} \left( \frac{1 \pm \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{v}}{2} \right) \psi$$



## High Density Effective Theory, cont

Effective lagrangian for  $\psi_{v+}$

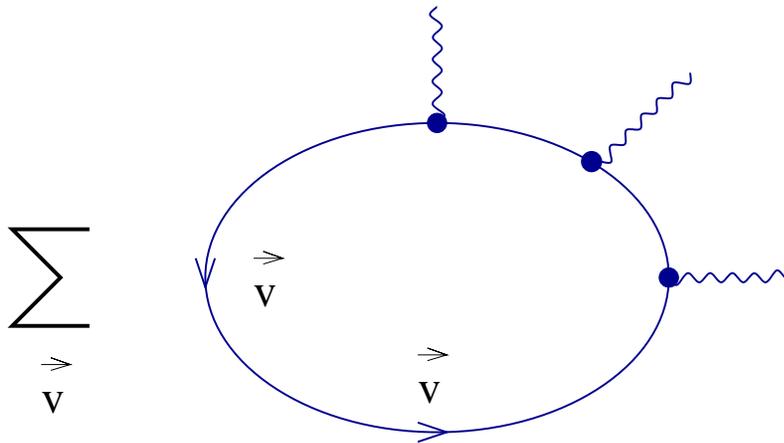
$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_v \psi_v^\dagger \left( i v \cdot D - \frac{D_\perp^2}{2\mu} \right) \psi_v - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_{\mu\nu}^a + \dots$$

# Power Counting

Naive power counting

$$\mathcal{L} = \hat{\mathcal{L}} \left( \psi, \psi^\dagger, \frac{D_{\parallel}}{\mu}, \frac{D_{\perp}}{\mu}, \frac{\bar{D}_{\parallel}}{\mu}, \frac{m}{\mu} \right)$$

Problem: hard loops (large  $N_{\vec{v}}$  graphs)



$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{\vec{v}} \int \frac{d^2 l_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^2} = \frac{\mu^2}{2\pi^2} \int \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi}.$$

Have to sum large  $N_{\vec{v}}$  graphs

## Effective Theory for $l < m$

$$\mathcal{L} = \psi_v^\dagger \left( i v \cdot D - \frac{D_\perp^2}{2\mu} \right) \psi_v + \mathcal{L}_{4f} - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_{\mu\nu}^a + \mathcal{L}_{HDL}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{HDL} = -\frac{m^2}{2} \sum_v G_{\mu\alpha}^a \frac{v^\alpha v^\beta}{(v \cdot D)^2} G_{\mu\beta}^b$$

Transverse gauge boson propagator

$$D_{ij}(k) = \frac{\delta_{ij} - \hat{k}_i \hat{k}_j}{k_0^2 - \vec{k}^2 + i \frac{\pi}{2} m^2 \frac{k_0}{|\vec{k}|}},$$

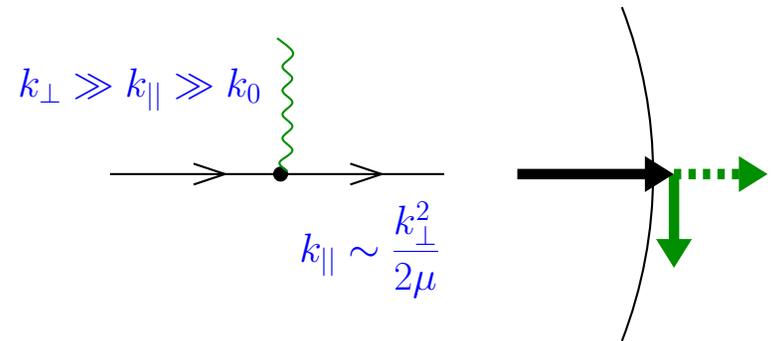
Scaling of gluon momenta

$$|\vec{k}| \sim k_0^{1/3} m^{2/3} \gg k_0 \quad \text{gluons are very spacelike}$$

# Non-Fermi Liquid Effective Theory

Gluons very spacelike  $|\vec{k}| \gg |k_0|$ . Quark kinematics?

$$k_0 \simeq k_{||} + \frac{k_{\perp}^2}{2\mu}$$



Scaling relations

$$k_{\perp} \sim m^{2/3} k_0^{1/3}, \quad k_{||} \sim m^{4/3} k_0^{2/3} / \mu$$

Propagators

$$S_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{-i\delta_{\alpha\beta}}{p_{||} + \frac{p_{\perp}^2}{2\mu} - i\epsilon \text{sgn}(p_0)}$$

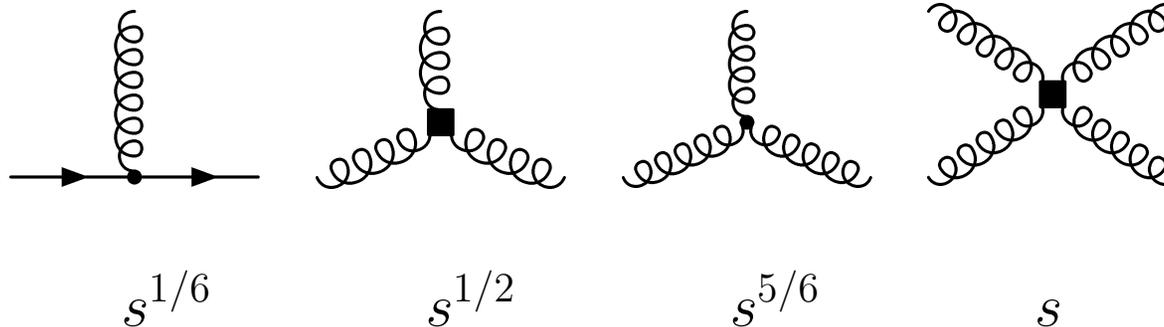
$$D_{ij} = \frac{-i\delta_{ij}}{k_{\perp}^2 - i\frac{\pi}{2}m^2 \frac{k_0}{k_{\perp}}}$$

## Non-Fermi Liquid Expansion

Scale momenta  $(k_0, k_{||}, k_{\perp}) \rightarrow (sk_0, s^{2/3}k_{||}, s^{1/3}k_{\perp})$

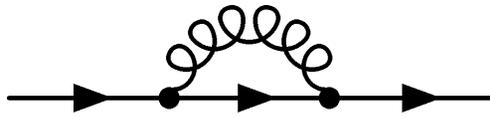
$$[\psi] = 5/6 \quad [A_i] = 5/6 \quad [S] = [D] = 0$$

Scaling behavior of vertices



Systematic expansion in  $\epsilon^{1/3} \equiv (\omega/m)^{1/3}$

# Loop Corrections: Quark Self Energy



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= g^2 C_F \int \frac{dk_0}{2\pi} \int \frac{dk_{\perp}^2}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{k_{\perp}}{k_{\perp}^3 + i\eta k_0} \\
 &\quad \times \int \frac{dk_{\parallel}}{2\pi} \frac{\Theta(p_0 + k_0)}{k_{\parallel} + p_{\parallel} - \frac{(k_{\perp} + p_{\perp})^2}{2\mu} + i\epsilon}
 \end{aligned}$$

Transverse momentum integral logarithmic

$$\int \frac{dk_{\perp}^3}{k_{\perp}^3 + i\eta k_0} \sim \log \left( \frac{\Lambda}{k_0} \right)$$

Quark self energy

$$\Sigma(p) = \frac{g^2}{9\pi^2} p_0 \log \left( \frac{\Lambda}{|p_0|} \right)$$

# Quark Self Energy, cont

Higher order corrections?

$$\Sigma(p) = \frac{g^2}{9\pi^2} \left( p_0 \log \left( \frac{2^{5/2}m}{\pi|p_0|} \right) + i \frac{\pi}{2} p_0 \right) + O(\epsilon^{5/3})$$

Scale determined by electric gluon exchange

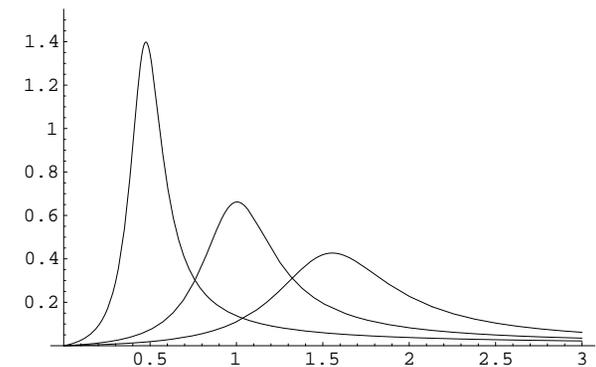
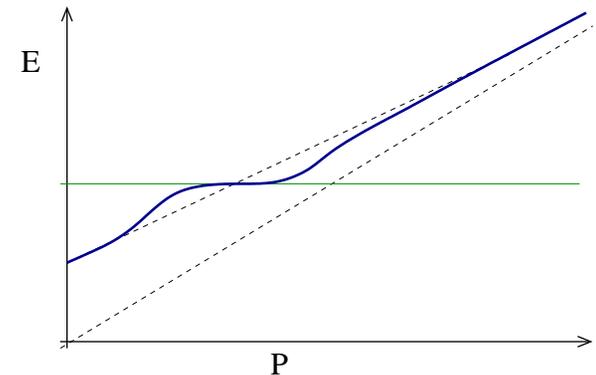
No  $p_0[\alpha_s \log(p_0)]^n$  terms

quasi-particle velocity vanishes as

$$v \sim \log(\Lambda/\omega)^{-1}$$

anomalous term in the specific heat

$$c_v \sim \gamma T \log(T)$$



# Vertex Corrections, Migdal's Theorem

Corrections to quark gluon vertex

$$\text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 3} \sim gv(1 + O(\epsilon^{1/3}))$$

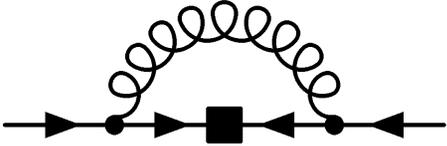
Analogous to electron-phonon coupling

Can this fail? Yes, if external momenta fail to satisfy  $p_{\perp} \gg p_0$

$$\text{Diagram} \quad p_0 \gg p_{\parallel}, p_{\perp} = \frac{eg^2}{9\pi^2} v_{\mu} \log(\epsilon)$$

# Superconductivity

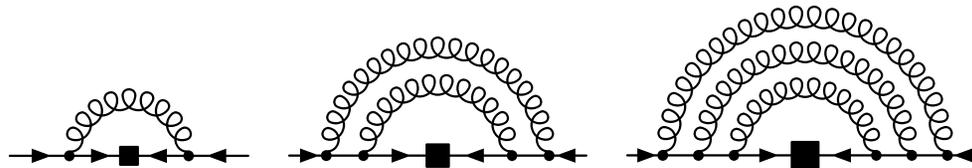
Same phenomenon occurs in anomalous self energy



$$= \frac{g^2}{18\pi^2} \int dq_0 \log \left( \frac{\Lambda_{BCS}}{|p_0 - q_0|} \right) \frac{\Delta(q_0)}{\sqrt{q_0^2 + \Delta(q_0)^2}}$$

$\Lambda_{BCS} = 256\pi^4 g^{-5} \mu$  determined by electric exchanges

Have to sum all planar diagrams, non-planar suppressed by  $\epsilon^{1/3}$



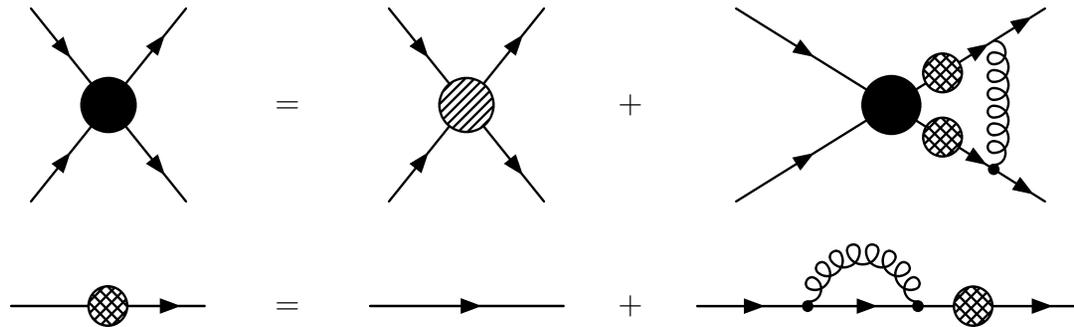
Solution at next-to-leading order (includes normal self energy)

$$\Delta_0 = 2\Lambda_{BCS} \exp \left( -\frac{\pi^2 + 4}{8} \right) \exp \left( -\frac{3\pi^2}{\sqrt{2}g} \right) \quad \Delta_0 \sim 50 \text{ MeV}$$

## Summary

Systematic low energy expansion in  $(\omega/m)^{1/3}$  and  $\log(\omega/m)$

Standard FL channels (BCS, ZS, ZS'): Ladder diagrams have to be summed, kernel has perturbative expansion



# CFL Phase

Consider  $N_f = 3$  ( $m_i = 0$ )

$$\langle q_i^a q_j^b \rangle = \phi \epsilon^{abI} \epsilon_{ijI}$$

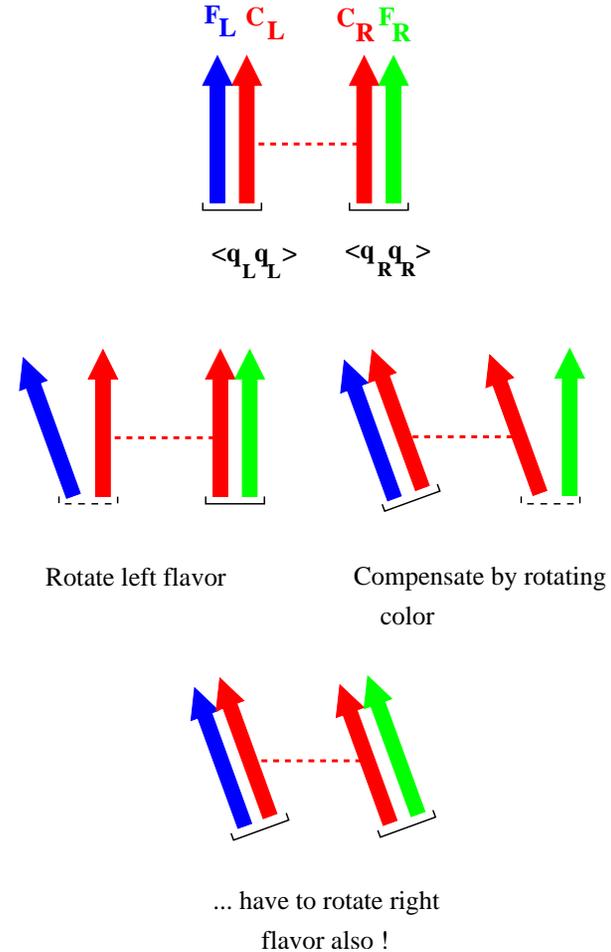
$$\langle ud \rangle = \langle us \rangle = \langle ds \rangle$$

$$\langle rb \rangle = \langle rg \rangle = \langle bg \rangle$$

Symmetry breaking pattern:

$$SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R \times [SU(3)]_C \times U(1) \rightarrow SU(3)_{C+F}$$

All quarks and gluons acquire a gap



$$\langle \psi_L \psi_L \rangle = -\langle \psi_R \psi_R \rangle$$

## EFT in the CFL Phase

Consider HDET with a CFL gap term

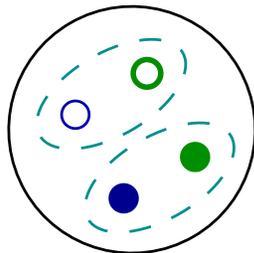
$$\mathcal{L} = \text{Tr} \left( \psi_L^\dagger (i v \cdot D) \psi_L \right) + \frac{\Delta}{2} \left\{ \text{Tr} (X^\dagger \psi_L X^\dagger \psi_L) - \kappa [\text{Tr} (X^\dagger \psi_L)]^2 \right\} \\ + (L \leftrightarrow R, X \leftrightarrow Y)$$

$$\psi_L \rightarrow L \psi_L C^T, \quad X \rightarrow L X C^T, \quad \langle X \rangle = \langle Y \rangle = \mathbb{1}$$

Quark loops generate a kinetic term for  $X, Y$

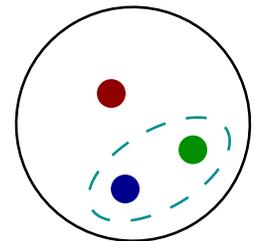
Integrate out gluons, identify low energy fields ( $\xi = \Sigma^{1/2}$ )

$$\Sigma = X Y^\dagger$$



[8]+[1] GBs

$$N_L = \xi (\psi_L X^\dagger) \xi^\dagger$$



[8]+[1] Baryons

Effective theory: (CFL) baryon chiral perturbation theory

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L} = & \frac{f_\pi^2}{4} \left\{ \text{Tr} (\nabla_0 \Sigma \nabla_0 \Sigma^\dagger) - v_\pi^2 \text{Tr} (\nabla_i \Sigma \nabla_i \Sigma^\dagger) \right\} \\
 & + \text{Tr} (N^\dagger i v^\mu D_\mu N) - D \text{Tr} (N^\dagger v^\mu \gamma_5 \{ \mathcal{A}_\mu, N \}) \\
 & - F \text{Tr} (N^\dagger v^\mu \gamma_5 [ \mathcal{A}_\mu, N ]) + \frac{\Delta}{2} \left\{ \text{Tr} (N N) - [\text{Tr} (N)]^2 \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

with  $D_\mu N = \partial_\mu N + i[\mathcal{V}_\mu, N]$

$$\mathcal{V}_\mu = -\frac{i}{2} (\xi \partial_\mu \xi^\dagger + \xi^\dagger \partial_\mu \xi)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_\mu = -\frac{i}{2} \xi (\partial_\mu \Sigma^\dagger) \xi$$

$$f_\pi^2 = \frac{21 - 8 \log 2}{18} \frac{\mu^2}{2\pi^2} \quad v_\pi^2 = \frac{1}{3} \quad D = F = \frac{1}{2}$$

## Phase Structure and Spectrum

Phase structure determined by effective potential

$$V(\Sigma) = \frac{f_\pi^2}{2} \text{Tr} (X_L \Sigma X_R \Sigma^\dagger) - A \text{Tr}(M \Sigma^\dagger) - B_1 [\text{Tr}(M \Sigma^\dagger)]^2 + \dots$$

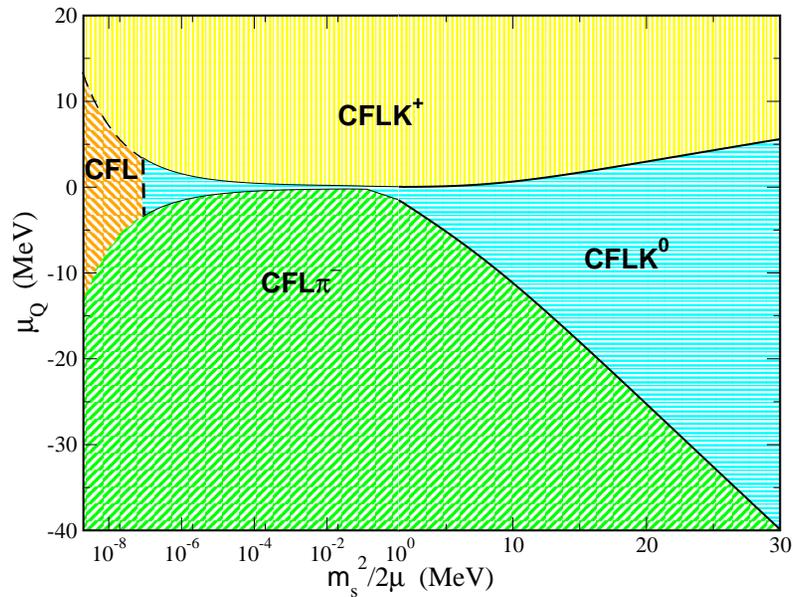
$$V(\Sigma_0) \equiv \text{min}$$

Fermion spectrum determined by

$$\mathcal{L} = \text{Tr} (N^\dagger i v^\mu D_\mu N) + \text{Tr} (N^\dagger \gamma_5 \rho_A N) + \frac{\Delta}{2} \left\{ \text{Tr} (N N) - [\text{Tr} (N)]^2 \right\},$$

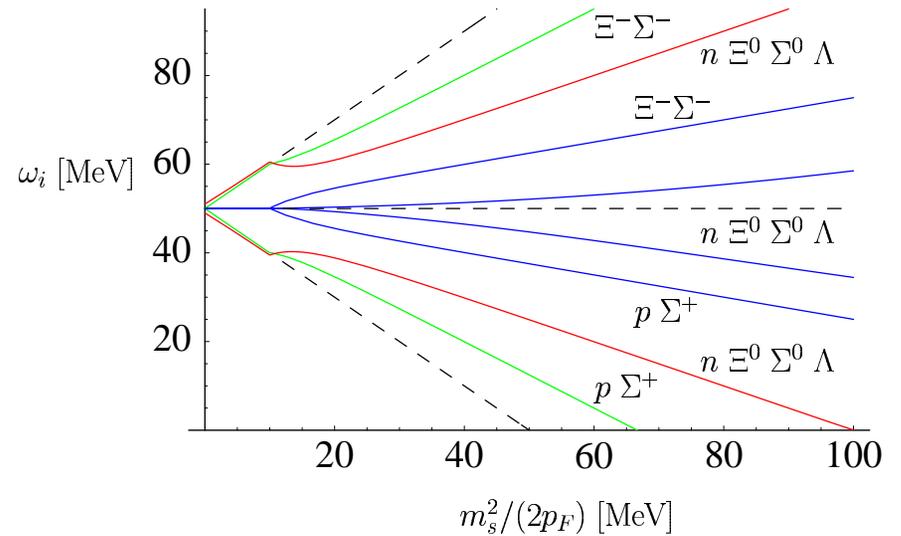
$$\rho_{V,A} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \xi \frac{M^\dagger M}{2p_F} \xi^\dagger \pm \xi^\dagger \frac{M M^\dagger}{2p_F} \xi \right\} \quad \xi = \sqrt{\Sigma_0}$$

# Phase Structure and Spectrum



meson condensation: CFLK

s-wave condensate



gapless modes? (gCFLK)

p-wave condensation

# Instabilities

Consider meson current

$$\Sigma(x) = U_Y(x) \Sigma_K U_Y(x)^\dagger \quad U_Y(x) = \exp(i\phi_K(x) \lambda_8)$$

$$\vec{\mathcal{V}}(x) = \frac{\vec{\nabla} \phi_K}{4} (-2\hat{I}_3 + 3\hat{Y}) \quad \vec{\mathcal{A}}(x) = \vec{\nabla} \phi_K (e^{i\phi_K} \hat{u}^+ + e^{-i\phi_K} \hat{u}^-)$$

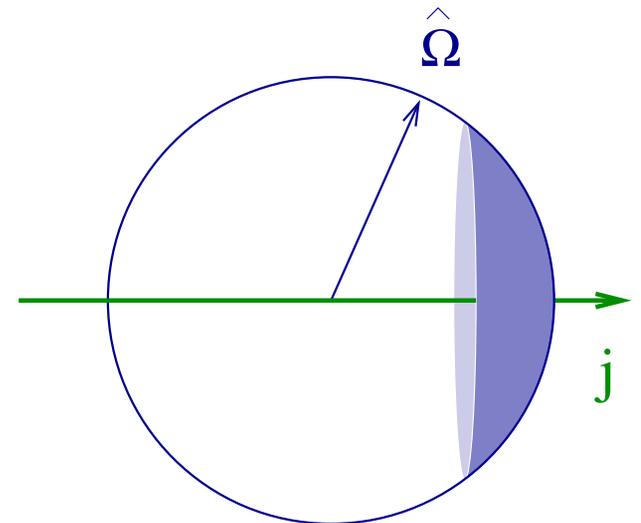
Gradient energy

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{f_\pi^2}{2} v_\pi^2 j_K^2 \quad \vec{j}_k = \vec{\nabla} \phi_K$$

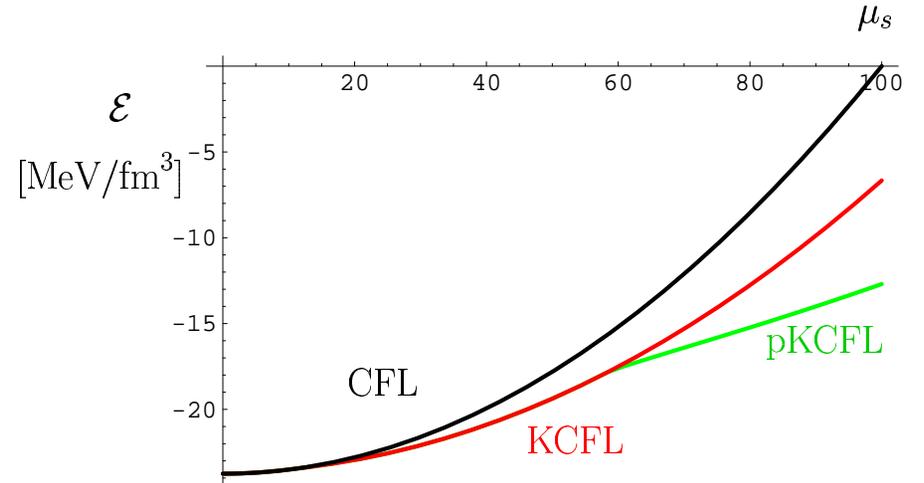
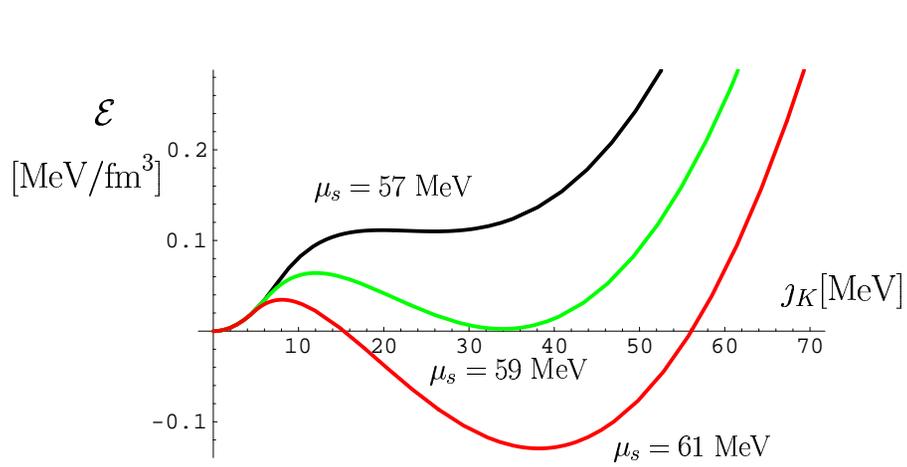
Fermion spectrum

$$\omega_l = \Delta + \frac{l^2}{2\Delta} - \frac{4\mu_s}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \vec{v} \cdot \vec{j}_K$$

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{\mu^2}{2\pi^2} \int dl \int d\hat{\Omega} \omega_l \Theta(-\omega_l)$$



# Energy Functional



$$\left. \frac{3\mu_s - 4\Delta}{\Delta} \right|_{crit} = ah_{crit} \quad h_{crit} = -0.067 \quad a = \frac{2}{15^2 c_\pi^2 v_\pi^4}$$

[Figures include baryon current  $j_B = \alpha_B / \alpha_K j_K$ ]

## Notes

No net current, meson current canceled by backflow of gapless modes

$$(\delta\mathcal{E})/(\delta\nabla\phi) = 0$$

Instability related to “chromomagnetic instability”

CFL phase: gluons carry  $SU(3)_F$  quantum numbers

Similar instability exists in polarized cold atomic gases

mixture of atoms and molecules, Goldstone current condensation